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As ORV advisory committee members appointed by the secretary of interior, your obligations are to address ORV issues past, present and future. With that obligation in mind you should do the following regarding past ORV related shortfalls in the Big Cypress National Preserve.

1. Demand the NPS provide factual justification for the arbitrary closure of ORV access to individual areas of the Preserve. The sum total of these ORV closures is 40% of the Preserve. I have a detailed map showing these closed areas.
2. Currently the Preserve is closed annually for 60 days during June and July. Your committee should demand the NPS provide factual justification as to the original necessity for this closure and does a condition exist today to justify the continuation of this closure.
3. ORVs are currently banned from running from 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. This closure should likewise be factually justified by the NPS as to the original necessity for this closure, and does a condition exist today to justify the continuation of this closure.

Your committee has the right and should consider yourselves obligated to get factual answers to these questions from the NPS in order to have the proper facts to guide you in your work.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of the above.

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